



STAFF REPORT

Consideration of Creating a Council San Juan Canyon Subcommittee

Honorable Mayor and Council Members

Summary

Council Member Warden presented an Item 9 at the September 23 meeting suggesting that Council reestablish a San Juan Canyon Subcommittee. Staff recommends Council provide direction on this issue.

Background and Discussion

The City Council created a San Juan Canyon Subcommittee several years ago. The subcommittee's purpose was to take a closer look at complicated land use issues in the Canyon and work with staff on developing recommendations before bringing the issues to Council. The subcommittee was instrumental in working on the Lot Merger and Slope Density issues.

Last year Council eliminated the subcommittee in large part because it was no longer meeting and the Outdoor Recreation Task Force was formed to look at open space issues in the Canyon. The Task Force completed its work and recommended not proceeding with a bond measure, so there is now no active City effort underway related to the Canyon. Meanwhile, a complex development proposal has been brought to the Council by Mr. Piazza for preliminary consideration. Given that this proposal, and perhaps others like it in the future, will require considerable analysis and policy direction, the idea suggested by Council Member Warden was to reestablish the subcommittee.

The proposed subcommittee would be made up of two council members. It was suggested by Council Member Warden that those with Planning Commission experience could be the members, as the subcommittee will work closely with Planning staff on land use issues. The subcommittee would review issues and make recommendations to Council as appropriate.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact. Nominal staff resources would be required support the subcommittee.

Recommendation

Staff recommends Council provide direction on whether or not to create a Council San Juan Subcommittee. If one is created, it is recommended that a motion be adopted appointing two members and a staff liaison.

Alternatives

1. Request further analysis by staff
2. Provide alternative direction
3. Take no action

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